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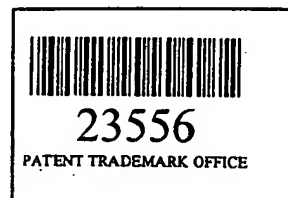
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Dear Sir:



Applicants hereby request the filing of a continuation application in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)(1) of the below-identified prior application.

The prior application is identified as follows:

1. Serial number: 09/353,278, which is a divisional of Serial Number 08/997,827 filed December 23, 1997, which is a CIP of Serial Number 08/821,483 filed March 21, 1997.
2. Filing Date: July 14, 1999
3. Title as originally filed: DUAL-ZONED ABSORBENT WEBS
4. Applicants as originally filed: Fung-jou Chen; Jeffrey Dean Lindsay; Richard Joseph Kamps; Andrew Michael Lake and Mark Louis Robinson
5. Address of First Named Applicant in Prior Application: 3216 White Birch Lane, Appleton, WI 54915
6. Correspondence Address of Prior Application: Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54957-0349

The prior application is currently pending before Examiner D. Ruhl in Group 3761. The entirety of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

Enclosed is a copy, as originally filed, of the above-identified prior application which includes Seventy-six (76) pages of specification, the specification including a one (1) page Abstract, Thirty-nine (39) claims, and Ten (10) sheets of drawings.

Twelve (12) sheets of new formal drawings are also enclosed.

This application is filed by the same inventors named in the prior application.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney showing the signatures of the inventors in the prior application. If applicable, a copy of any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration is also enclosed.

And, if indicated:

☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

☐ Please consider the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.

The filing fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (b), (c) and (d), has been calculated, after entry, if applicable, of any amendments, as follows:

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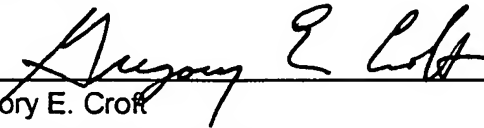
This transmittal letter is submitted in duplicate.

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Respectfully submitted,

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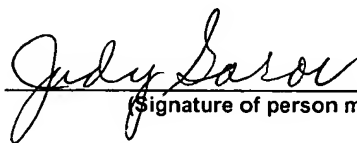
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